

CHAPTER 563.

(House Bill 879)

AN ACT to repeal Section 224G of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Elections", sub-title "Voting Machines", as enacted by Chapter 94 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland for the year 1937, and to re-enact said section with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 224G of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Elections", sub-title "Voting Machines", as said section was enacted by Chapter 94 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland for the year 1937, be and said section is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

224G. (a) The papers, cards or strips, enclosed within the ballot-frame or frames of any voting machine, and containing the names of a candidate or candidates, and his, her or their political party, or the statement of a question to be voted upon, hereinafter referred to as ballot-labels, shall be printed in black ink, and, except in Primary Elections, upon clear white material, of such size as will fit the ballot frame, and in plain clear type so as to be clearly readable by persons with normal vision. In Primary Elections said papers, cards, or strips may be printed upon clear material of different colors, to be determined by the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

(b) If the construction of the machine shall require it, the ballot-label for each candidate, group of candidates, or question, to be voted on, shall bear the designating letter or number of the counter on the voting machine which will register or record votes therefor. Each question to be voted on shall appear on the ballot-labels, in brief form, to be determined in the same manner as are questions which appear upon paper ballots, but said questions may appear at the top or side of the ballot-label, the provisions of Section 64 of this Article to the contrary notwithstanding.

(c) The ballot-label for each candidate or group of candidates, nominated or seeking nomination by a political party, shall contain the name or designation of the political party.

(d) The titles of offices may be arranged horizontally or vertically with the names of candidates for an office arranged transversely under or opposite the title of the office.

(e) The names of all candidates, nominated or seeking nomination by a political party, shall appear in adjacent rows